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1. Pursuant to the decision* of the KKE Politburo, the formation of People's Committees has begun in Athens. These committees are visiting Dionysios Christakos, General Neocosmos Gregoriades, Ioannis Dimitropoulos, Michael Kyrkos, and other leftist leaders and are begging them to form the People's Front immediately. These committees, organized and directed by experienced members and officials of KKE, are making efforts to have included in them individuals who are not openly Communists but merely leftist democrats.
2. According to source, the new plan of KKE for forming the People's Front has been put into operation by dissociating the followers of the democratic left from their leaders, who were elected as candidates of the Democratic Coalition in the 5 March 1950 parliamentary elections.
3. The Trade Union Section of the KKE held a meeting on 18 March 1951 at the offices of the Democratic Coalition, 64 Franklin Roosevelt Street, Athens. Among those present were Marinos Xagoraris, Dimitrios Andreakos, and George Giannakopoulos.
4. During this meeting there was an analysis of the new line laid down by the KKE concerning the formation of the People's Front. The particular decisions made were the following:
 - a. There is to be a broad analysis of the importance of this decision among the masses.
 - b. All the leftist and progressive elements must be induced to enter the ranks of the People's Front under the new platform.
 - c. In the trade union field it is especially desired that the workers and employees indicate of their own accord the candidates whom they want to represent them in the coming municipal elections. In this way the nomination will be made directly by the people, and there will be a great rally to elect these candidates.
 - d. There must be a united effort to guide the unemployed in their drive to satisfy their demands.

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- e. Strikes must be supported, and it must be the aim to give strikes a political orientation towards the line of the People's Front.
- f. Those "traders in democracy," Alexander Svolos, Ioannis Sophianopoulos, and their apprentices, the Leftist Liberals, must be hit hard.
- g. In every union, factory, and district there must be organized committees of the People's Front which will guide the masses in the elections for the success of the ticket of the People's Front.
- h. The victory of the People's Front will mean the victory of the Greek people against foreigners, the local exploiters and monarcho-fascists, and it will give to the people liberty, general amnesty, increased wages, and a people's democracy.
- i. There must be full coordination in all the basic organizations and the provocateurs must be crushed.

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[REDACTED] Comment: This refers to the joint statement of the Politburos of the KKE and AKE (Agrarian Party of Greece) made on 8 March 1951 to the effect that the two parties would vote in the borough and municipal elections of 15 April. The statement added that since both parties were outlawed, their members and followers would have to vote for candidates of a People's Front, which would have to be created immediately from among "honest citizens and personalities" throughout Greece.

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